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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/824,460	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SUN, CLAIRE	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Status of the Application*

1. **Claims 1-11** are pending in this application.
2. If applicant is aware of any prior art or any co-pending application not already on record, the applicant is reminded of his/her duty under 37 C.F.R §1.56 to disclose the same.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1-11** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0101136 A1).
5. Regarding claims 1 and 7, Wheeler discloses a system and method for managing multiple logistic bodies, comprising steps of: receiving basic information provided by a logistic body and generating a correspondent account number (Figure 4); analyzing said basic information according to correlation rules (Paragraphs [0129] – [0130]); comparing a current account number with a plurality of other account numbers (Paragraph [0116],

Paragraphs [0136] – [0137]); generating an approval event and waiting for result when said current account number and said plurality of other account numbers have correlations (Paragraph [0138]); and integrating and establishing said correlated account numbers with a common registration code when said approval event is verified (Paragraph [0140], Paragraphs [0351] – [0353]).

6. Regarding claims 2 and 8, Wheeler discloses a system and method wherein said basic information comprises at least a logic body name, an email address, a website address and a relative enterprise name (Paragraph [0129], Paragraph [0259]).

7. Regarding claim 3, Wheeler discloses a system further comprising an approval system, for receiving signal from said data analysis module upon correlations decided, and generating an approval event to start an approval process (Paragraph [0142], Figure 62)).

8. Regarding claims 4 and 10, Wheeler discloses a system and method further comprising steps of: periodically reading trade information from said trade system (Paragraph [0318]); analyzing accounting numbers in said trade information (Paragraphs [0318] – [0319]); generating an approval event and waiting for result when said account numbers have correlations (Paragraph [0322]); and storing and establishing said correlated account numbers with a common registration code when said approval event is verified (Paragraphs [0356] – [0358]).

9. Regarding claims 5, 9, and 11, Wheeler discloses a system and method wherein said correlation rules are logical algorithms of full-text comparison and calculation for basic information and trade information of said logistic bodies (Paragraph [0147]).

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10. Regarding claim 6, Wheeler discloses a system wherein said correlation establishment module operates according to result of said approval event of said approval system (Figure 62).

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faris Almatrahi whose telephone number is (571) 270-3326. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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